



Pioneer Mountains, Central Idaho

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Boise Veterans Affairs Medical Center and Idaho State University



Postgraduate Year 1 Pharmacy Practice Residency



Our vision is to provide unique learning opportunities for residents to practice patient centered care and interprofessional collaboration with motivated and qualified preceptors who promote a culture of discovery. We aspire to develop innovation and leadership in the profession of pharmacy.



2013-2014 Residents (left to right): Paul Black (Residency Director), Kimberly Belongie, Jenni Buu, Samantha Valle-Oseguera, Katie Erickson, Elaine Nguyen, Emily Johnson, Danielle Ahlstrom

Idaho Society of Health Systems Pharmacists Fall Conference

Sun Valley, Idaho



Stanley Lake in the Sawtooth Mountains

Photo courtesy of Steve Graff, RPh

There are also many miles of mountain biking/hiking trails within minutes of the hospital grounds.

Idaho State University College of Pharmacy offers a Doctor of Pharmacy degree and has campuses located in Pocatello, four hours east of Boise, and in the Boise area at a new facility in Meridian. Opportunities exist to participate in many academic endeavors with the ISU faculty and students.

There is an active arts community featuring the Idaho Shakespeare Festival at a beautiful outdoor amphitheater near the Boise River, The Boise Contemporary Theater, The Boise Philharmonic, The Boise Art Museum, Ballet Idaho, Opera Idaho, The Gene Harris Jazz Festival and Bogus Basin Ski resort.

The Capital City Public Market is the place to be seen most Saturday mornings. Boise is host to a variety of sporting events such as IronMan 70.3, Boise State University athletics, Albertson's Boise Open Golf Tournament, The Twilight Criterium, The Race to Robie Creek (the toughest half-marathon in the northwest), Idaho Women's Fitness Celebration, Idaho Steelheads Minor League Ice Hockey and Idaho Stampede Basketball.



Idaho Shakespeare Festival Amphitheater

The Program

The Boise Veterans Affairs Medical Center offers a post-graduate year one (PGY1), ASHP-accredited residency program. Our training programs are designed to:

- Manage and improve the medication process
- Provide evidence-based, patient-centered collaborative medication therapy management
- Utilize medical informatics
- Exercise leadership, practice and project management skills
- Provide expertise in medication utilization and practice related education/training
- Graduate pharmacists with the ability to practice in hospital pharmacies, academic settings, or move on to specialty residencies in ambulatory care, geriatrics, oncology, etc.

Residents are required to:

- Participate in disease management clinics
- Conduct a Medication Utilization Evaluation to present at a local or regional conference
- Contribute to formulary decisions with the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee
- Practice patient-centered and collaborative management of patients and populations

Opportunities Include:

- Weekly Resident Forum: BCPS prep, journal club, and formal Teaching Certificate courses through Idaho State University

The Program, cont.

- Participation in the [Centers of Excellence](#) for Primary Care Education program, which utilizes pharmacy residents acting at the top of their scope and creates an environment that emphasizes interdisciplinary teamwork
- ACLS and BLS certification
- A variety of customized elective rotations



Boise VA Preceptors:

Back (left to right): Paul Black, Leon Jensen, Kendall Crane, Larry Meyer, Robyn Cruz, Steve Koenig

Front: Amber Fisher, Dave Garrabrandt, Eileen Twomey, Tim Santos

About Boise

Boise, the “City of Trees,” is the capital and largest metropolitan area in Idaho. Approximately 600,000 people live in the Treasure Valley.

The area’s largest employers are Micron Technology, IdaCorp, St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center, JR Simplot Co., Albertson’s and WinCo Foods.

The state of Idaho is known worldwide for its majestic mountain ranges towering over streams and rivers, forests, mountain lakes and outdoor recreational experiences. Boise is transected by the Boise River and a greenbelt walking/ biking path throughout the city.



Boise, Idaho
Photo courtesy of Paul Mecier

Selection of Applicant

Selection of the applicant will be made by the Residency Program Committee at the Boise VAMC.

Interested applicants must participate in the ASHP Resident Matching Program.

**Materials to be submitted on PhORCAS
by the first Monday of January:**

- Letter of intent describing your professional goals
- A copy of transcripts of all pharmacy school work
- 3 letters of reference from healthcare professionals
- Please include your Match Number

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This residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant.

Clinical Training Site

The clinical training site for this program is the Boise Veterans Affairs Medical Center. This site is the primary location for a model teaching site where well-qualified pharmacists will contribute to the training of residents in many areas including ambulatory care, internal medicine, pharmacoeconomics, psychiatry and geriatrics. The goals of each resident are customized to account for their strengths, weaknesses and personal interests to help ensure optimal training.

Residents will also be appointed to the Idaho State University College of Pharmacy as affiliate faculty. Residents have the opportunity to earn a Teaching Certificate through Idaho State University. The formal program consists of attending seminars, designing and delivering lectures, leading small group discussions, serving as preceptors and completing a teaching portfolio.



2013 Resident Backpacking Trip



Resident Forum meets every Wednesday with residents from other pharmacy residencies in the area. Residents may earn a Teaching Certificate after course completion.

Curriculum

A minimum of 2,000 clock hours over a 12-month period is required for successful completion of the program. During this time residents may be provided with orientation, instruction and experience in, but not limited to:

Required Rotations:

- Ambulatory Care/Primary Care Clinics
- Advanced Ambulatory Care
- Pharmacoeconomics/Informatics
- Adult Medicine
- Inpatient Pharmacy
- Outpatient Staffing
- Management
- Geriatrics

Elective Rotations:

- Oncology
- Psychiatric/Mental Health
- Academia
- Infectious Diseases
- Anticoagulation

Any required rotation may be repeated as an elective with a focus on learning advanced skills and practice knowledge.

Qualification of the Applicant

The applicant must be a graduate of a school of pharmacy accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education, be a U.S. citizen, possess the Doctor of Pharmacy degree and be licensed to practice in one of the States, territories of the United States, or District of Columbia.

The applicant must demonstrate leadership abilities, professional competence, communication skills, scholastic achievement, dependability and the ability to work well with others.

These qualities will be judged through personal interviews, interviews with peers, pharmacy school transcripts and letters of recommendation.



Pharmacy staff and residents during a Boise Veterans Affairs Medical Center Pharmacy Week 2013 event.